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The Eagles play two SBC matches in Hanner Fieldhouse this week.

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Women's Volleyball

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SAVANNAH, Ga. – [Cathrine Murray](#) tallied season highs of 17 kills and 13 digs to lead Georgia Southern to a 3-1 (25-18, 13-25, 25-15, 25-18) volleyball victory over Savannah State Tuesday night in Tiger Arena.

[Carly Turner](#) notched seven kills and five blocks for the Eagles (6-11), and [Lauren Reichard](#) contributed six kills and four blocks. [Landon Jones](#) made her first career start and recorded 34 assists and seven digs.

Oneillia Fuller posted nine kills and three blocks to lead Savannah State (2-18), and Salma Gonzalez finished with eight kills, 13 assists, 11 digs and two blocks.

The story

The Eagles had 10 aces with [Brooke Birch](#) notching four and Murray and Reichard contributing two each. [Joscelin Morrow](#) added one and had 14 digs, and [Kelsey Meins](#) served up an ace as well.

After dropping the second set, GS trailed 12-10 in the third. An ace by Birch and a Turner kill helped the Eagles take the lead, and [Skylar Ball](#) combined with Turner for consecutive blocks that keyed a 7-0 run. Gonzalez stopped the spurt with a kill for the Tigers, but Turner and Ball got another block as GS scored three straight to take a 2-1 lead in the match.

Each team made big runs to start the fourth set, but with the score tied 9-9, Reichard served up back-to-back aces as the Eagles scored seven straight points to take control of the set. The Tigers closed the gap to 21-16 but that was as close as they would get. Turner put down two balls, while Murray and Reichard each had kills to finish out the match.

Quotable from head coach [Dustin Wood](#)

"It was good to get back in the win column tonight. Our line-up and offense tonight so I knew there were going to be some timing issues. Landon (Jones) got the start tonight and ran our offense well. Her timing was off with the middles but got better as the match went on. She played good defense and got up some balls that turned into transition points. I'm happy with her performance tonight."

"Our passers got tested tonight and got through the struggle in the second set. Savannah State had the green light with serving tonight and served us so tough, which resulted in some runs against us especially in the second. Our passers weathered the storm, and we settled down."

"Cathrine (Murray) had a good night offensively. It was good to see her put up some good numbers."

"We're looking forward to Thursday but have some prep work to do the next two days before we host Troy."

Next up

GS hosts Troy (Thursday) and South Alabama (Friday) in Hanner Fieldhouse. Both Sun Belt matches are set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday's match is the annual Dig Pink match, and Friday's contest is Friday the 13th Blackout.

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